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TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, December 23.

Important documents, 1,500 in number, belonging to the former Military Government of Canton have been handed over to the State Department by a representative of that Government.

Li Hau-chue, Tuchen of Fookien, has denied the rumour that he is joining the Canton party. He has declared his loyalty to the Central Government.

Shanghai, December 23.

It is reported that an amnesty will be given to the nine leaders of the Anfu Party on the 1st January.

A report states that Li Hau-chue has accepted the appointment by the new Military Government of Canton to be the Commander-in-Chief of Fookien.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA.

London, Dec. 21.

An authoritative statement with regard to Bolshevik propaganda, especially in the East, shows that Soviet Russia is still waging a remorseless anti-British campaign, particularly in Afghanistan, Persia, Transcaucasia, Mesopotamia and Egypt. The Bolsheviks are being pursued on well-defined lines:—Firstly, a thorough training of emissaries in communistic principles, secondly, emissaries sent to prepare revolution in countries specially selected, and thirdly, revolution organised by secret societies in different guises but all directed from Moscow, the members of these societies all armed as far as possible, and bound by a solemn oath, the breaking of which means death.

FARROW'S BANK SENSATION.

London, Dec. 21.

Mr. Thomas Farrow, Chairman of Farrow's Bank, was arrested at midnight at his residence at St. Leonards and conveyed to London Police Station in his own luxurious motor car. Mr. Crotch's bail has been reduced to thirty thousand pounds.

Later. Mr. Farrow appeared at the Mansion House Court and asked to see a doctor. He said he had been meeting imaginary people on the stairs. The prosecution was formally opened. Mr. Farrow was remanded in £2,000 bail and sureties. Mr. Hart's bail was reduced to £1,000.

COAL STRIKE.

London, Dec. 22.

A general strike has been declared in the Rhondda coalfield owing to eleven men not being reinstated after dismissals. Fifty thousand workers are affected.

BRITISH BURIALS IN HOLLAND.

Hague, Dec. 22.

Corpses of British sailors washed ashore on the coast of Holland in war time were buried at Noordwijk and Sgraverende. The British minister, and a representative of the Dutch minister of the Navy, attended both ceremonies.

THE INTERNATIONAL CORPS.

Hague, Dec. 22.

The Foreign Minister introduced a Bill authorising the despatch of a Dutch military contingent to Vilna as part of an international corps, commanded by French Colonel Chardigny, which will occupy the region during the plebiscite and decide the fate of the territory.

MR. SZE HONORED.

London, Dec. 22.

The King and Queen when they received Mr. and Mrs. Sze presented them with portraits of their Majesties with autograph signatures.

PRICE OF PETROL.

London, Dec. 22.

The price of petrol in Britain is being reduced by seven pence per gallon on the 1st January.

OIL IN HUNGARY.

Budapest, Dec. 22.

The National Assembly passed a Bill granting a concession to an Anglo-Hungarian syndicate to explore for petrol in bitumen deposits in Hungary.

EARTHQUAKE CASUALTIES.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 22.

Four hundred people were killed in an earthquake at Mendoza. Several villages were destroyed.

AUSTRALIA WINS FIRST TEST.

Sydney, Dec. 21.

England, in their second innings scored 281 (Hobbs 59, Hearne 56). Australia won by 377 runs.

(Continued on pages 2 and 3.)

DEATH OF MR. J. C. WILDIN.

Succumbed Suddenly Yesterday.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of Chief Preventive Officer J. C. Wildin, of the Revenue Department, which occurred most unexpectedly yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was discovered by his colleagues lying in one of the seats in the wharfinger's office at the Canton boat wharf. Their first impression was that he was asleep, but, about half an hour later, when they returned to call him for duty, it was ascertained that he was dead. Dr. Koch was at once called and on arrival he made an examination and pronounced that life was extinct, death being due to heart failure.

The body was removed from the wharf to the Mortuary where a post mortem examination was held this morning.

The deceased, who was only 42 years of age, came to the Colony just 20 years ago, joining the local Police Force as a constable. He had previously served in the Navy as a Royal Marine.

During the nine years that he was in the Police Force he showed marked efficiency, especially in detective work, and after rising to the rank of Sergeant he was in 1909 appointed a Revenue Officer.

In this Department also he proved a sterling officer, being often responsible for large seizures of opium, and on January 1st, 1918, he was promoted to the post of Chief Preventive Officer, which position he held up to the time of his death. He was a quiet, conscientious worker, ever keen on his work, and by his death a valued Government servant has passed away.

Raw Cotton.—No business has been transacted and values are nominal. Indian staple \$30/32 Chinese staple \$31/35 per picul.

Metals.—Business has remained quiet during the last fortnight, and in spite of lower exchange prices show no signs of advancing locally. Sales of Tinplate spot are reported at \$11.50 and Bars at \$6.50.

Flour Market Report.—Stock:

About 220,000 sacks. Quotations: American Patent \$4.30 per sack; American Cut off \$3.35 per sack; American Straight \$3.20 per sack; Shanghai Flour 2nd \$3.15.

Window Glass.—Since our last report the sterling price has come down from 30/- to 26/- per case c.i.f. this port. Market steady.

Java Sugar.—Market weak.

Philippines Sugar.—Market declining.

MORE STOWAWAYS.

Unemployed Seamen Fined.

Frank Millar (American), William Mason (Canadian) and A. Ferira (Portuguese) all unemployed seamen, were this morning charged by the C.P.O.S. with being stowaways on their liner *Monteagle* from Shanghai.

Evidence was given that these men stowed away at Shanghai and gave themselves up to the officers a few hours after the vessel was out of port.

Inspector Spear said that two of the defendants were left behind by their ships, while the third was paid off. Some fifty seamen are at present without employment at Shanghai, and preferring to go anywhere than to stay and "freeze to death" in Shanghai, they decided to stowaway on the *Monteagle*.

In the case of the American and the Portuguese, it was stated that their respective Consuls would look into their cases after they had been dealt with by the Court. Mason, being a British subject, would be taken care of by the Hongkong Government as a distressed seaman, and sent back to Shanghai.

The Court decided to impose a sentence of 21 days' imprisonment on the three defendants, as they had not the means to pay the ordinary fines.

In regard to boxing matters, this paper has occasion to recall very many visits from Mr. Wildin, who was always most obliging in supplying us with information regarding boxing matters in general. We

ever found him a most courteous and obliging man, leaving the monument at 10 a.m.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

Chamber of Commerce Report.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—There are still no outward signs of a revival of business. Chinese dealers of old standing declare they have never experienced worse times.

Apparently the only explanation for the present "slump" is a complete lack of confidence on the part of buyers, all over the world. Prices, at which dealers are willing to do business, are in most instances far below the actual Manchester replacing cost.

Cotton Yarn.—The situation is practically unchanged. Demand is checked by lack of confidence in the interior. Prices have ruled irregular and about 1,000 bales changed first hands. Quotations are nominal as follows:—No. 10s \$180/205. No 12s \$185/210. No. 20s \$215/230. Arrivals 1,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold Stock 13,000 bales. Bargains 12,000 bales.

Woolens.—The market is unchanged and the s's little likelihood of any change until after the Chinese New Year.

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KWANTUNG COAL AGREEMENT.

The Situation Explained.

As the letters which have

appeared in the *Customs Times* of 20th December, and *South China Morning Post*, of 22nd December, appear to be purposely misleading, a short statement of the actual position appears to be both necessary and advisable from a foreign as well as Chinese point of view.

It is common knowledge that coal exists in the Province of Kwantung in very large quantities but, hitherto no real attempt has been made to prove its suitability for commercial purposes.

With a view to remedying this state of affairs, and in the hope of obtaining coal suitable to the growing needs of the Colony, a local Syndicate has been formed embracing practically all the industrial and marine coal using interests in Hongkong.

The best coal experts in the United Kingdom have been engaged to report on the possibilities of laying down suitable and cheap coal in Hongkong and a definite period has been fixed by the Chinese in which this work must be completed.

Having pointed that suitable coal exists in paying quantities, the Syndicate have undertaken that on going to fixation Chinese shall have three representatives on a Board of Directors of seven, the remaining four being British.

This to comply with the Hongkong Ordinance Company Law.

Half the number of shares re-

presenting the capital of the company, which is placed at \$10 million, shall be allotted to the Chinese "free of cost" and shall be called "B" shares. Of the

500,000 "B" Shares of 10 dollars each thus allotted to the Chinese, shall be the value of one million dollars (i.e. 100,000 shares)

shall be held by the Company in trust for the Kwantung Government, and the dividends on same shall form *inter alia* the amortization fund.

Shared to the value of \$500,000 (i.e. 50,000 shares) shall be held by Trustees nominated by the Kwantung Government for the benefit of the poor in the Province of Kwantung, and shares to the value of \$500,000 (i.e. 50,000 shares) shall be held by Trustees nominated by the Kwantung Government for educational purposes in the Province of Kwantung. The remaining 300,000 shares to be allotted by the Chinese Directors to those members of the Chinese zentity who may be most interested in the undertaking.

The unscrupulous men excuse their despicable conduct by pointing to the practice of the West. But they fail to draw a line between legitimate actions, as touring lecturing and declaring their political views, and the unlawful act of bribery.

The paper reminds the people that as the orders of the Government have long proved to be ineffective, and in view of the arrogance of the Militarists and the cunning of the politicians, with whom the Government is powerless to deal, the people should not place much faith in the Mandate on the purification of our election system, but should themselves strive to be strictly honest and to cast their votes as their conscience may dictate.

The clever plan adopted by Mr. Liang Shih-yi in mortgaging the Customs surplus revenue, which is already pledged as security for the 9th year Republican Loan, for a temporary loan to pay interest on the 1st year Republican Loan certainly deserves our admiration, states the same paper.

Mr. Liang would justify his action by declaring that his sole purpose was to maintain the credit of our 1st year loan. But does he not know that the pledging of the Customs surplus revenue for another loan will lessen its value as security for the 9th year loan whose credit may thus be undermined? Moreover, the daily drop in exchange and the depreciation of silver may turn the surplus into a deficiency one of these days, when the Government finances will receive a serious blow. All our resources have been mortgaged as security for loans. What security can our Government offer if it needs another Republican loan in the future?

Will Mr. Liang always prove himself to be so resourceful as he is to-day?

From the foregoing it will be seen that, far from an endeavour being made to usurp China's rights, the Syndicate have concluded an agreement on co-operative lines of immense benefit to the people of Kwantung if it proves a success, and, further, that the Chinese themselves, although sharing in the benefits, are asked to bear no expenses in proving the fields.

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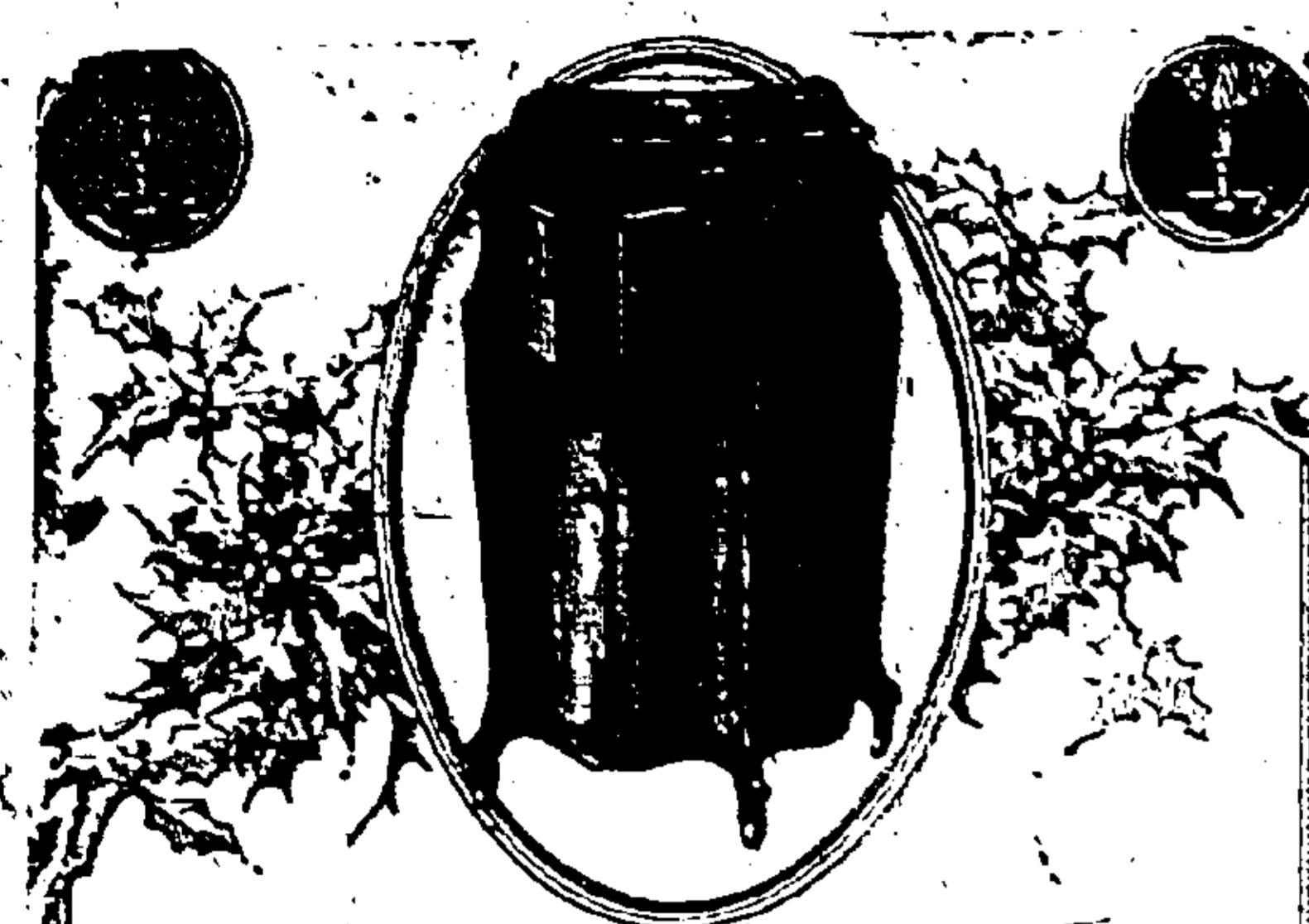
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 21)

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

London, Dec. 21.
Lord Robert Cecil, South Africa's representative at Geneva, has sent a message to Reuter from his home in Sussex, where he is recuperating from a slight indisposition after his labours.

He opined that the most important decision of the Assembly was the creation of an International Court of Justice. Its future depended entirely on its personnel and judges. A number of States had already agreed to refer minor international disputes to the Court whose jurisdiction was therefore already largely compulsory. Next in importance came the admission of new States to the League. It was a good augury for the future reconciliation of the world that their ex-enemies Austria and Bulgaria had been admitted unopposed. The admission of Germany would be determined on the principles laid down in the case of Bulgaria, namely, whether she was sincere in her intention of observing her international obligations. The Assembly's recommendations for disarmament were most valuable if carried out. A far more important proposal was that a Civilian Commission be appointed to supersede the existing Military Commission to make suggestions for the limitation of armaments, while the recommendation to ratify the Arms Traffic Conventions signed at Paris last year should provide a real check on the use of arms. These conventions would already be effective but for the unaccountable action of the United States in declining to be bound thereby. As regards economic blockade simple rules had been devised whereby the Secretary General would notify the Council of any occasion for its use in order to secure members immediately breaking all political and economic relations with a Covenant-breaking State. Considerable progress had been made on the question of Mandates. The Council had settled for a permanent Mandates' Commission to which all reports as to mandatories should be sent. The Mandates Commission would consist of nine members chosen mostly from non-mandatory States for individual competence. Further the Council settled the "C" mandates, namely the Pacific Islands and South-West Africa, but the "A" and "B" mandates were not settled though it was understood the draft mandates were before the Council.

Lord Robert Cecil opined that it was most desirable that these drafts be published forthwith in order that the world should know and criticise the proposals. The "B" mandates would be nearly identical as their provisions were closely defined by the Covenant, but "A" mandates for ex-Turkish possessions in Asia, which were based on independent native governments advised by a mandatory, would necessarily differ considerably. There were certain difficulties as regards "A" mandates but the sooner they were published the sooner would the difficulties disappear. Lord Robert Cecil emphasised hereupon that if the Council wanted public support it must ensure greater publicity. The question of the League's finances occupied much of the time of the Assembly. A number of smaller nations, including the Dominions, advanced the legitimate grievance that they had to bear a disproportionate share of the expenses. Lord Robert Cecil declared that the standard would undoubtedly be changed at or before next Assembly on the terms that any change made would be ante-dated. There was much criticism also as to the League's expenditure but this was unwarranted. The League was costing a million yearly spread over forty-two States, which was a small premium against war insurance but a large proportion of the money came from the British Empire the smaller parts of which paid much too large a share. Even so this was infinitesimal compared with the cost of war. He concluded that it was little short of a miracle that forty-two countries had been brought into close co-operation on equal terms in so short a time. Their daily meetings had already removed an immense number of national misunderstandings and the Assembly was an unqualified success, this viewpoint justifying his increased confidence in the future of the League.

IRELAND'S TROUBLES.

London, Dec. 22.

No further details of the battle of Mullinahone mentioned yesterday have hitherto been received beyond the official report which mentions three separate encounters between military and Sinn Feiners, resulting as far as is known in sixteen Sinn Fein casualties. One soldier was wounded. No mention is made of prisoners captured.

A party of armed men raided Cork Post Office and held up the staff and public with revolvers. A policeman on duty at the office fired at the raiders, killing one. Several persons were wounded.

The military subsequently searched the building and captured a wounded raider.

RACIAL RIOTS.

Melbourne, Dec. 21.

There have been serious riots at Broome owing to racial antipathy between Japanese and Malays. A thousand Japanese searched the town for Malays, and two Japanese were killed, and two Malays seriously injured. The authorities read the Riot Act.

Perth, W.A., Dec. 22.

The situation at Broome is now in hand. The leading Japanese businessmen have apologised and offer to do all in their power to restore order. The Japanese rioters and Malayan pearl fishers are segregated in different camps and whites are patrolling the town.

ALLIED CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.

Paris, Dec. 21.

The next conference of Allied Premiers will be held at Nice in the first week of January. The questions to be discussed include Reparations, Greece and the East.

PARIS MEDICINE ACADEMY CENTENARY.

Paris, Dec. 20.

M. Millerand presided in Aix at the Paris Medicine Academy celebration, commemorating the foundation of that learned body 100 years ago. Nearly all nations of the civilised world had sent delegates, notably England, China, United States, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

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By Order,

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS.

Secretaries.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG & CANTON.

Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1920.

GERMAN SUBMARINE CABLES.

A Washington despatch states that the American Government has about reached the limit of the concessions that it will make to the Allies and Associated Powers regarding the disposal of the ex-German submarine cables, and the American Commissioner has made this attitude known to the International Communication Conference. He said the negotiations had been proceeding for some time without any immediate indication that an agreement would be reached. Officials do not state whether the views of the United States regarding landing rights for cables met with the anticipated German opposition.

THEATRE ROYAL

TO-NIGHT

at 9.15 p.m.

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TO-NIGHT

"LORD RICHARD IN THE PANTRY."

SATURDAY Dec. 25th.

"ROMANCE."

MONDAY Dec. 27th.

"ROMANCE."

TUESDAY Dec. 28th.

"BILLETED."

WEDNESDAY Dec. 29th.

"CAESAR'S WIFE."

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G. R. NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

LADIES RECREATION CLUB.

The Ladies Tennis Singles Open Championship Challenge Cup will be played for during January and February. Any lady may enter who is a member of any Tennis Club in the Colony. Names of intending competitors must be sent in to the Secretary of the Ladies Recreation Club through the Secretaries of their respective clubs not later than December 25th 1920, accompanied by their entrance fees of \$2. each.

DOROTHY DIGBY,
Hon. Secretary.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

S. S. "MONTAGUE."

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on December 25th by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Dec. 29th will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature immediately.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 29th Dec. 1920 will be subject to rent.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, Y. YASUDA, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1920.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

From EUROPE & STRAITS

The Company's Steamship

"TAKUSHIMO MARU"

having arrived from the above

ports, Consignees of Cargo

are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed and placed at

their risk in the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon,

where each consignment will be

sorted out mark by mark and

delivery can be obtained as soon

as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried

on unless instructions are given

to the contrary before Noon To-

day.

Goods not cleared by the 28th

Dec., 1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be

left in the Godowns for exami-

nation by the Consignees and

the Co's representatives at an ap-

pointed hour on Tuesday and Fri-

day. All claims must be presented

within ten days of the steamer's

arrival here, after which date

they cannot be recognized. No

claim will be admitted after the

goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE STEAMSHIP

"SAMARANG MARU"

From JAPAN

Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being

landed at their risk into the Go-

downs of the Hongkong and Kow-

loon Wharf and Godown Company,

Ltd., at Kowloon, whence, and/or

from the wharves delivery may be

obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded

unless notice to the contrary be

given before 22nd inst.

No claims will be admitted after

the Goods have left the Godowns,

and all Goods remaining undeliv-

ered after the 28th inst. will be

subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer

must be presented to the Under-

signed on or before the 7th Jan.

or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged

goods are to be left in the Go-

downs, where they will be exami-

ned on the 28th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been

effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-

signed by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "SIBERIA MARU"

From SAN FRANCISCO via

HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS

& MANILA.

The above named Steamer hav-

ing arrived on Wednesday, the

22nd Dec., 1920, consignees of

cargo are hereby notified to pre-

sent their Bills of Lading for

countersignature, and take im-

mediate delivery from alongside

steamer or the Company's Go-

down, where all cargo impeding

immediate discharge will be land-

ed at consignee's risk.

Storage will be assessed on

cargo remaining undelivered

after Wednesday the 29th Dec.,

1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged

packages will be landed into the

Company's Godowns, where same

will be examined on Thursday

the 30th December, 1920, at

11 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised

after the goods have left the

steamer or Godown, and none

will be entertained if presented

later than three weeks after

arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever

will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,

Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1920.

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Death.

CARRIE—on the 23rd December, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carrie, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1920.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Another Christmas! While the year is proceeding the months may sometimes seem to lag, but when we reach December and the great annual festival is upon us the memory goes back to the preceding celebration as a happening of yesterday. Yet the recurrence is ever welcome, for Christmas has a charm that has descended to us from the centuries, a charm that time has not dimmed. For near half a decade this illustrious day to Christendom, hallowed by its message of peace and goodwill to man, was obscured with the pall of tremendous conflict and the joyous festival lay in a state of suspended animation. The terrible carnage has passed, and when we awake to-morrow, whether we remember Milton or not, our hearts will echo his song of the Nativity.

This is the day, and this the happy year,
in glad acclaim of the Prince of Peace. To Englishmen in particular Christmas has a special appeal. Its sacred import is inculcated in countless churches throughout their far-dung realm, in spite of new theologies and "advanced" criticism. The festive aspect has long been agreeable for its periodic reunion of family and friends, in which heart-warming atmosphere misunderstandings and vexation dissolve into air. Not quite the same now perhaps as when Dickens wrote his immortal "Christmas Carol," the festival retains many of the familiar features, if the carols themselves have faded, or taken new form. Year after year the thoughts, not of juveniles only, turn to the savoury turkey and the steaming pudding, the decorations and the Christmas-tree, even to the old Yule logs, though we put here, with sunnier skies, have less need of these. It will help the link in the association of ideas if we remember, when we sit down to dinner to-morrow, that—notwithstanding, or rather, because of the geographical difference in time—our kindred will almost simultaneously be sitting down to theirs. "Christmas dinner" being a middle-of-the-day repast for most people in the Old Country.

The world at large, we may say, is at peace to-day. In this transitional stage language must be comparative; if the eye looks around the various quarters of the globe war-clouds may be discerned in more than one area, and the ugly hide of Bolshevism remains to remind us of the tasks that humanity has yet to shoulder. Still, we may rejoice that there is no clash of arms between great Powers, and that, if more slowly than our hopes would dictate, an advance is being made towards universal harmony. The end of 1920 finds the Empire at peace in its major relations, and while Ireland, saying nothing of Mesopotamia and Persia, continues to be a source of grave disquietude one feels that at this season the element of conflict may be permitted to pass from our thoughts in the assurance that the authorities are holding steadfastly on their way through a painfully difficult situation. As immediately concerning those of us located in the Colony the recent disturbances at Canton have had their adverse effect upon the complexion of things here through their repercussion upon Hongkong's commerce, which in other respects also has undergone an eclipse in late weeks, as too eloquently testified by the exchange barometer. Consolation may be fairly found on this score by taking the twelve months as a whole, during which we have seen the dollar soar to the unprecedented altitude of over 5—so that we had the silvery lining in advance. Just now the outlook is certainly not bright, yet it would be easy to over-estimate the significance of the stagnation. After the world-upheaval a far worse condition would not have been astonishing.

On the whole the Colony has emerged more creditably from the long ordeal and its immediate aftermath. If just now tokens of depression show themselves in various forms, these are but part of the almost inevitable vicissitudes of a great reconstructive period affecting not a colony or a country, but the world. At Home, where the problem has had to be handled on a vast scale there have been many encouraging features, such as growth of exports, in spite of the coal strike, and gradually improving industrial relations, to place against the factors on the other side. It is not inappropriate either to remember just now that the organisation for promoting universal comity is in session, and while it has not accomplished all that ardent peace-lovers could have wished it has made a by no means negligible start along the road to international concord. It is not a little thing that forty of the nations of the earth have begun to travel the path to the Millennium, distant though it be. And so, with omens of hope, and with symptoms of the festival surrounding us on all hands, we take a three-day leave of our readers, having decided, like the Home Press, to defer further publication till Tuesday, during which interval we sincerely trust that one and all will wholeheartedly enjoy the various attractions of a Merry Christmas.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The University.

We do not intend analysing in detail the Bill amending the University Ordinance, which was read a first time at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council. There is no necessity at the moment to do so. The main fact is that the Government has taken a firm grip of the situation, and so long as Government control is assured, there should be no recurrence of the terrible mess into which the affairs of the institution got before the Commission was appointed to look closely into the situation. It was chiefly in regard to finances that the muddle was created, and that need hardly be wondered at when we are told that although there was a Finance Committee in existence it was often never consulted in matters of expenditure and generally appeared to be quite subservient to the Finance Council. The new Finance Committee is to have complete control of the finances of the University, a step which is rightly regarded as essential. The Government, in view of the large expenditure of public money involved, feels bound to retain a power of general supervision for a limited period, so says the concluding paragraph of the Objects and Reasons of the Bill. That, we can understand, we were recall that at the Budget meeting of the Legislative Council no less a sum than a million dollars was voted as a grant in aid to the University, this including \$60,000 to pay off an overdraft at the Bank. However, the powers vested in the Governor-in-Council for this purpose of general supervision are extremely widely drawn, for the Governor-in-Council can over-rule any decision whatever of the Court, Council, Senate, Board of Faculties or Finance Committee, the only limit of time indicated in the amended Bill being that contained in the sub-clause which reads that "it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council at any time to suspend wholly or in part the operation of this section, or to declare that this section shall be repealed wholly or in part." In other words, the Government "takes over" the University, and even the Finance Committee's control is subject to veto.

Volunteer Appointments.

Apart from the question of promotions and appointments there is not a great deal in the amendments to the Volunteer Bill now before the Legislative Council. The other matters dealt with are mainly formal alterations that need worry members of the Corps but little—matters that scarcely affect them at all as members. But the question of taking away their privilege to recommend certain men as officers and N.C.O.s to fill vacancies as they arise is something that will possibly cause a good deal of comment. When the original Bill was brought in one of the strongest inducements held out to the young men of the Colony to join was that the Corps would be on a democratic basis, that they would be officered by men whom they had chosen because they knew that such men were the best fitted. That privilege made a strong appeal and it is safe to say that the officers and N.C.O.s of the Corps to-day are able and popular. But it has been seen fit (we are not told for precisely what reason) to revert to the old practice of promotion by selection of the Commandant and others above him. In the case of officers the granting of a Commission has always rested with His Excellency the Governor and will so rest, but be followed the wishes of the men when the Corps was reorganised. The question men will be asking themselves is "Whose wishes will be followed now?" Will social position and favouritism count more than efficiency? It often did in the old days, with the result that the Defence Corps suffered more than a little through the incompetency of its commissioned members. So long as efficiency and suitability are made the governing factors, then there will be no complaint. Men don't want to be given democratic powers just to have their vanities tickled; they wanted to exercise those powers for a purpose and so long as that purpose is kept in view it is really immaterial in whose hands the recommendations rests. The same observations necessarily apply in the case of N.C.O.s. Merit should be the guiding principle.

DAY BY DAY.

BE MERRY ALL, BE MERRY ALL,
WITH GARLANDS DRESS THE
FESTIVE HALL,
PREPARE THE SONG, THE
FEAST, THE BALL,
TO WELCOME MERRY CHRIST-
MAS.

The next issue of the Telegraph will appear on Tuesday. We wish our readers a very merry Christmas.

One non-fatal case of diphtheria (Eurasian) was notified yesterday.

Work on the erection of the War Memorial at St. John's Cathedral is now in progress.

The sailing date of the Blue Funnel steamer Hector, for Liverpool, has been altered from January 11 to January 18th.

We learn from the Traffic Department that all night restrictions on hired motor cars have been suspended on the nights of December 24, 25, 27 and 31.

Last evening an organ recital and carol service were held at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. There was an excellent congregation, and Mr. Thomas Martin at the organ gave great pleasure by the excellence of his playing.

A Chinese ricksha coolie was injured in a collision between his vehicle and a motor bicycle yesterday in Des Voeux Road West. His injuries were, however, not considered serious, though they were sufficient to necessitate his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

One of the men who took part in the armed robbery at Bowen Road yesterday has been arrested by the Police in the Central district. He put up a desperate struggle, and had it not been for the timely assistance of an Indian constable, would have succeeded in overpowering the lunatic who endeavoured to arrest him.

The "Yellow Ticket" was last night witnessed by a fairly large audience at the Theatre Royal. Miss Beryl Barracough as "Mary Varenka," Mr. Forbes Russell as "Count Nikolai Rostov," and the other members of the cast individually contributed to the general success of the play by their impressive acting. At the close, the members of the Bandit Comedy Company came in for an ovation. To-night "Lord Richard in the Pantry," which achieved a great success on its first presentation, is to be on the boards.

A successful Whist Drive was held last evening at the Catholic Men's Club. There was a good attendance and the arrangements for the comfort of the guests were, as usual, excellent. The following were the prize winners:—Ladies:—1, Miss Pile, 171; 2, Mrs. Reynolds, 171; 3, Mrs. Prickett, 168; Booby Prize, Mrs. Chesley, 142. Gents:—1, Mr. Murphy, 183; 2, Mr. Jarvis, 173; 3, Mr. Sampson, 175; 4, Mr. Osborne, 174; Booby Prize, Mr. Dawson, 133. Mr. R. Spottiswoode performed the duties of M.C., and the prizes were presented by Mr. R.W. Brown.

BOXING DAY CRICKET.

United Services v. Hongkong.

The following have been selected to represent the United Services against Hongkong on Boxing Day. Lt. Frank, a.s., (Capt.), Lt. Com. Greig, R.N., Com. Stanley, R.N., Rev. Purcell, R.N., Lt. Stewart, R.N., Lt. Com. Dyer, R.N., Capt. Davies, a.s.a., Capt. Oliver, R.G.A., Major Bagnall, R.G.A., Lt. Graham, R.G.A., Major Edwards, R.E.

UNIVERSITY v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

The following will represent the University in the above friendly match to be played on the University ground on Monday, at 2.15 p.m. sharp: D. K. Samy, (Capt.) K. S. Cheah, C. H. Teoh, S. H. Ong, B. C. Lee, T. O. Yow, E. H. Lim, M. K. Yue, M. B. Osman, H. M. Soo, and W. Yuew.

CHEAPER LIGHT FOR KOWLOON.

China Light and Power Co.'s Decision.

The second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the China Light and Power Company (1913) Ltd., was held yesterday morning at the Offices of the Company at St. George's Buildings. Mr. R. G. Shawen presided and there were present Messrs A. H. Compton and H. P. White (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. Walter J. Hawker, a.c.s. (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs M. S. Northcote, R. G. Wilson, George Grimble and A. A. Cordeiro.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the accounts now in your hands, which with your permission, we will take increase on last year's figures, especially so when you consider that we are comparing the work of 11 months last year with that of only 12 months this year. With the balance of \$11,650.00 at credit of Profit and Loss A/c we propose.

To pay a Dividend of 10% \$ 50,000.00
To place to Credit of Bad and Doubtful Debts A/c 5,150.00
To place to Credit of Staff Provident Funds 3,500.00
And to write off Good-will Account \$ 50,000.00
\$ 141,650.00

We trust this will meet with your approval. As our funds are now very low we have had to call up the remaining \$2,000 per share still unpaid on 100,000 shares; this will be payable \$1 on 1st March and \$1 on 2nd May and notices to shareholders in the usual form have been already sent out. Good progress has been made with work on the new factory but of course it has suffered from the delay incidental nowadays in getting machinery from home. The bulk of the new plant is, however, now here or on the way and we fully expect, unless something unforeseen happens, to be installed in our new quarters by March. With modern plant and increased production our costs should be reduced and in view of this we have decided to meet the wishes of our friends in Kowloon and reduce at once our charge for private lighting. From 1st January, therefore, the rate for private consumers will be 20 cents per unit which for a modest installation like ours will, we think, compare favourably with what is charged elsewhere. In the good times to come when Kowloon has developed as it is bound to do and our turnover has correspondingly increased, we should be able to put our customers on a still better footing but we cannot afford to do so now for the present reduction will make a substantial difference in our earnings. You will notice from the accounts, which at the suggestion of our auditors have been made out in more detail than before, that we have gone to considerable outlay for putting our main lines underground, but although the initial cost is heavy we shall gain somewhat by the reduced cost of upkeep. It is always dangerous to speak about the future, but I think I may say that new business is always coming along and that our prospects certainly seem bright for the current year, as orders already in hand will materially increase our present output. For the benefit of our staff who have served us very faithfully we have opened Provident Accounts on the usual terms and we hope you will see your way to vote them the small bonus we recommend. I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and the profit for the year distributed as proposed. When that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. George Grimble seconded.

There were no questions and the adoption of the report and accounts was unanimously carried. The Chairman mentioned that the next business was the election of the Consulting Committee. Mr. G. W. Barton, who was absent from the Colony, had resigned, and it was proposed to put forward the name of Mr. H. P. White in his place. On the proposition of Mr. M. S. Northcote seconded by Mr. A. A. Cordeiro, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected as members of the Consulting Committee:—Sir Paul Chater, c.m.g., Messrs H.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Royal Artillery "At Home."

Col. Loring, C.R.A., and officers of the Royal Artillery were "At Home" to the married families of the Regiment stationed here, yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the children's Christmas Tree, which took place in the R. A. Theatre Victoria Barracks.

At 4 p.m. an excellent tea was provided by Messrs Wiseman's Ltd., of which about one hundred persons partook.

At 5 p.m. a cinema show was given by the Wiltshires and a most suitable programme was screened.

At 6 p.m. an illuminated tree, laden with toys, bonbons, etc., splendidly dressed in the earlier part of the day by the ladies of the regiment, under the direction of Mrs. W. Loring, was displayed, and much to the delight of the youngsters, stood the ever-smiling Father Christmas, who wished them all good things.

Father Christmas handed to Mrs. Loring the various presents he had brought and this lady passed them on to the children, together with a bag of sweets.

Following the distribution of toys, the officers collected all the youngsters together, and the tree that had looked so beautiful only a few minutes before was soon stripped of all its glory.

At the conclusion, Father Christmas asked the children to thank Col. and Mrs. Loring, officers and ladies of the regiment for the most enjoyable afternoon they had given them. He also called for three hearty cheers and a "tiger," which were lustily given.

The party dispersed at 6.30 p.m. The theatre was neatly dressed with flags kindly lent by the Commanding Officer of H. M. S. Tamar, whilst the tree was profusely illuminated by the Royal Engineers under the direction of Capt. Brown, R.E.

Mrs. Sanders and Lt. Bigg played the piano during the tea and cinema show.

Wheeler Staff Sgt. Smith, Wheeler, Sgt. Owen and Sgt. Millar are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment and for the excellent arrangements made.

H. M. S. TITANIA AND SUBMARINES.

The Debating Society.

The first dinner of the above Society was held at the Astor Hotel, the guest of the evening being Captain Areal Sommerville, D.S.O., R.N. Seated at the table were:—The President, Rev. Gordon, W. B. Statt, Captain A. Sommerville, W. Norton, A. J. Clark, J. H. Jaggard, C. Blackford, T. Josey, A. Tordoff, F. Douglas E. Kirtell, F. Workman, H. Drury, D. Richardson, A. Burling, H. Moore, G. Crouch.

A splendid dinner was served. After the toast The King had been proposed by the President, the toast. Our Guest was submitted by A. J. Clark, who said it was only of recent date that events such as this—Officers and Lower Deck dining together—had taken place. Surely democracy was coming into its own in the service, but they were staunch and true loyalists for all that. He coupled the toast with the name of Mrs. Sommerville, wishing them long life, prosperity and happiness.

The toast having been heartily honoured, Capt. Sommerville replied, expressing thanks for the tribute paid him and wishing the Society success.

W. Norton then proposed the toast "The Society," saying that though it was still young, it was a real thriving concern and that its members could congratulate themselves on having made it a huge success. Following the honouring of this toast, the President called upon J. H. Jaggard to propose the final toast "The Home Folks," F. Douglas also speaking to it.

After dinner all participated in an impromptu smoker and dance, those contributing being Cpl. Douglas, Sto. Moore, L/S Blackford, L/S. Clarke, Sto. Watson and L. Telegraphist Norton.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR PEARSON,
Chairman—Blinded Soldiers' and Sailor's Care Committee, St. Dunstan's, London, Nov. 18th, 1920.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

A Greeting From St. Dunstan's.

Sir.—This is the Season of Greetings and Gifts.

May I send to your readers Greetings and ask them to send to me Gifts?

These Greetings will, I hope, give real pleasure. They convey the gratitude of the soldiers blinded in the War for the sympathy and help which has come to them from all parts of the World. They carry the news that all we hoped for from the training given at St. Dunstan's is being justified by these blinded men in the very wonderful success that they are making of their lives.

I do not think that anyone would say it gets easier to be bravely blind as the years go on. It becomes easier to do things in the dark, but the demand on the will to keep pace with normal life grows greater rather than lessens. Constant effort is extraordinarily exacting and it is really splendid how the men meet this demand on themselves, keep up their interest, in everything and maintain their notable record as workers; some in offices, some as poultrymen, and others as expert craftsmen.

There are still more than five hundred men learning to be blind in our class-rooms and workshops.

Besides those actually blinded on the battlefield, 23,000 men were discharged from the Army with seriously damaged sight, and, unfortunately, many of these are finding it necessary to come to St. Dunstan's. We are dealing, too, with a number of men whose health does not enable them to make such quick progress as others. At the same time it becomes increasingly difficult to find for the men who are ready to start on their new life suitable homes; there is the universal shortage of houses and a great scarcity of such small properties as the poultry farmers need. Thus the difficulty and expense of settling the men has increased while we have to face enormously multiplied costs in providing for those who are our guests, in maintaining our convalescent and holiday homes, and in carrying on the ever-increasingly important work of the After-Care of the blinded soldiers.

We have also now to meet the expense of moving our headquarters—the offices for the organisation required to look after nearly 2,000 men, and also the classrooms and workshops. The house with its beautiful grounds so generously lent by Mr. Otto Kahn as a Hostel is no longer available; fortunately, however, we have been able to find for our new quarters another house in Reg

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HAIG'S DISPATCHES.

Foch Writes a Preface.

Marshal Foch has written a preface to the French translation of Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches, which is about to be published by Messrs. Charles Lavaudelle.

"The relative poverty of the results to the Allies down to 1917," says the great French soldier, "is entirely explained by their unpreparedness for the tasks of the war. When it began it was fortunate for them that Germany was under the need of facing the Russian Army on the East, and was unable to send to the Western front armies sufficiently strong to give her victory there.

"When relieved of the pressure on the East, by the Russian revolution, she was able to direct great masses of troops, two divisions strong, to the fronts in France and Belgium.

"There was little to show that the war of attrition, on which so many hopes had been hung, had brought the Allies any nearer to victory."

Marshal Foch goes on to write of the anxiety caused by the German advance on the Somme, the threatened division of the two armies, the enemy's thrust towards Paris, and the danger of the centre of vital communications being cut.

CRISIS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

In the spring of 1918, despite their losses, 60 British divisions, says Marshal Foch, were to be kept in condition to fight on to the end of the year. "Lines of resistance were to be multiplied at Amiens, Arras, Béthune, Hazebrouck, St. Omer, and Cassel; preparations were also to be made to flood the country, and the ground to be contested foot by foot."

Above all, a powerful movement of reserves was assured. It was thus that, thanks particularly to the efforts of the British command, more than 200 German divisions were definitely stopped.

115 DAYS OF BATTLE.

The writer sets out, under dates, the various stages of the 115 days of battles fought by the British armies—from July 18 to Nov. 11, and continues:

"At no moment in history have the British armies attained so much in any offensive. It was a complete victory, attained, thanks, above all, to the disinterestedness, intelligence, loyal and energetic will of their Commander-in-

FUN THAT COMES FROM BEYOND THE TWEED.

Neil Kenyon's Scotch-and-Laughter.

The Daily News Special Correspondent, who is trying to discover how our funny men make us laugh, asks an interesting question: Why is there a shortage of English comedians? In an analysis of Neil Kenyon, he suggests that the Scots are responsible.

Neil Kenyon has an unfair advantage over other comedians. He is Scottish.

There is no need for him to try to be funny. He is. So long as a Scotsman has enough of it there is rarely any danger of his being taken seriously in England.

Neil Kenyon has a magnificent supply of it. With their assistance he can make the most ordinary joke irresistible.

"Three trains go through this station every day. The work is terrible," Said by an English porter. I doubt if that would make anyone laugh. Said by an Irishman, it might have some chance of success. Said by a Scotsman, there is no doubt about it. "The waaaaa-rrrrrrrrrrr-rible" (laughter). Every comedian should insist on being born in Scotland. No JOKES AGAINST ENGLISH.

From the comedian's point of view it is a calamity that the English should everywhere be taken so seriously. We inspire everything except humour. No one can make a joke about us. Our comedians are never given a chance to get a laugh against themselves. We haven't even a nickname. The Scotsman is "Jack," and the Irishman "Pat." The American is a "Yank," and even the German is "Fritz." But the Englishman is always merely an Englishman. It means that our comedians have to work harder for their laughter.

Kenyon doesn't have to work at all. He just makes a few remarks. True, they are pointed remarks—but the Scots always are pointed. They can't help it. There's no doubt that Kenyon has a very easy time.

As a protest against his unfair advantage in being Scottish, I give these typical remarks in English:

He says he's saving up for a rainy day. I believe he's saving up for a flood.

He's very economical. When he gives three cheers he wants one back.

My wife and I have only had one quarrel. Of course, now and then it's been interrupted.

The best of a clay pipe is that if you drop it on the ground you needn't stoop to pick it up.

BOARDS-IN SCOTCH.

Such remarks—even in English—are good enough to cause a hearty smile. In Scotland they cause roars of laughter.

Kenyon has the trick of not waiting for the laughter. He always runs quickly past the point. Thus:

I asked him how his wife was standing the heat. He was very indignant. I didn't know he was a widower. When I said . . . (Loud laughter).

Then he has to wait for some time.

It has frequently been said that there is a shortage of English comedians. When you consider the number of Scotsmen south of the Tweed, it is surprising that we should have any at all.

I wonder if Neil Kenyon causes as much laughter in Aber-deen.

WATER RETURN.

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

He Ought to Have a Fair Chance Now.

NOTICE.

Why Little Tich Makes People Laugh.

Should a comedian laugh at his own jokes? I think so. I enjoyed my own laugh at the Palladium yesterday, but I enjoyed Little Tich's more, writes a *Daily News* correspondent.

Unlike some comedians, he plays the game. He doesn't claim to be the only serious man in the theatre.

I am grateful to him for that. So many humourists insist on being serious—even on the stage. Little Tich doesn't. He rarely expects you to laugh at anything that fails to amuse him. He has nothing of the haughty detachment of the wit.

Apparently he knows that a good laugh is better than any joke. He rarely makes the mistake of offering you a really good joke. He knows that you're more likely to laugh (with his assistance) at a poor one.

HOW HE DOES IT.

Here is a typical example: "What is a honeycomb?"

The things people go on when they're married."

It is doubtful if a Tribunal of Humorists would accept it as a joke. In cold print it may be incapable of producing even a smile. But as said by Little Tich, it can make a thousand people laugh and laugh again.

How does he do it?

He has no eyebrows to assist him. His nose is genuine. His hat is not abnormal. His clothes might pass in the street. How does he do it?

Quite simply. Gravely he puts the question—"What is a honeycomb?" And he replies in this way:

"The thing—he begins to laugh—that people go on—the continues to laugh)—when they're—he becomes almost speechless with laughter)...married—entirely doubled up with laughter."

And his laugh infects the whole theatre. You lose sight of the joke and see nothing but Little Tich, completely overcome.

BREATHING ON THE HAT.

I doubt if his "littleness" has any share in his success. His first entry causes astonishment rather than amusement, and he has to get rid of the astonishment before he can claim his audience. He succeeds at once—not so much by what he says as by what he does. He is a master of the mechanism of humour.

When he polishes a silk hat he makes the whole house laugh—by the sound he makes when breathing on the hat. When he drops his hat, or picks it up, he has the same success. His boots are an inspiration.

But it is his laugh for which I am most grateful. Why should a man with such a laugh trouble to make good jokes?

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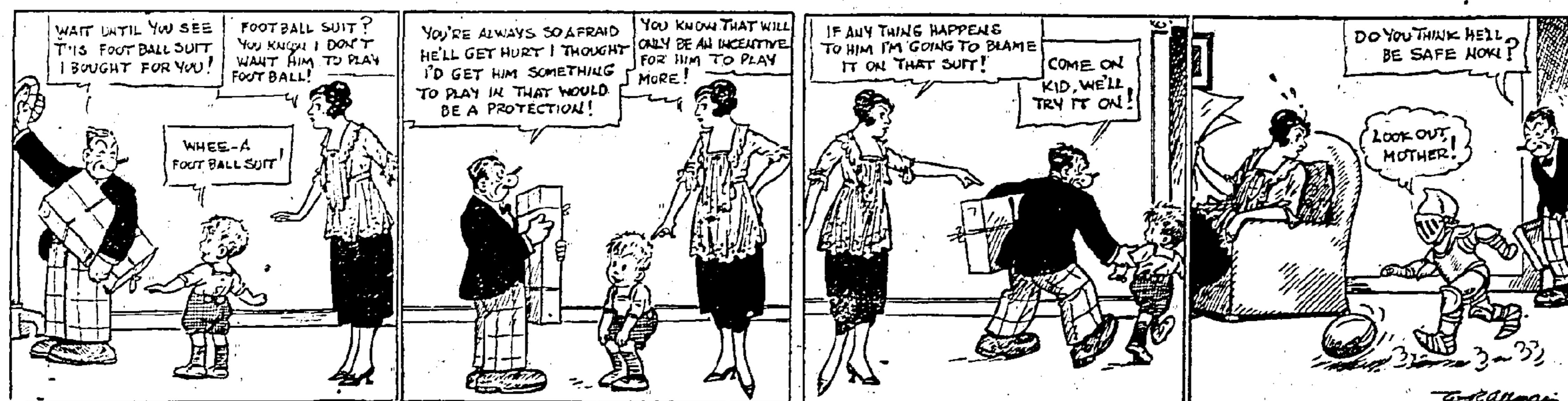
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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS.

SNOOPY WANTS THINGS.

Snoopy skunk locked his door as he went out, and put the key under the mat, while Tingaling, the fairy landlord, and Nancy and Nick, the twins, watched him closely.

"If it's all the same to you," grinned Snoopy, "I won't go back for my money. I may as well owe you twelve months' rent as eleven, since you say you're in no hurry."

"Not at all," smiled Tingaling, which surprised the little boy and girl very much, considering that the fairymen got cross if any one else owed so much as two months.

"And did I understand you to say you'd fix anything I wished?" asked Snoopy.

"Certainly!" Tingaling assured him, but his smile was rather worried-looking.

"Well!" said Snoopy deliberately. "My bedroom is done in pink, but I'm a little tired of it. I'd like to change the colour to lavender."

"Just as you say!" nodded Tingaling, trying to keep the



Tingaling, trying to look as cheerful as possible marked "Bedroom-lavender" in his rent-book.

corners of his mouth up, and to look as cheerful as possible. He marked "Bedroom-lavender" in his rent-book beside Snoopy's name.

"And—" went on Snoopy with an odd little grin, "the parlor is done in bird's-eye maple. I much prefer mahogany. Please have it changed."

"Of course!" answered Tingaling, trying to look as though he'd got a telegram inviting him to the seashore. He marked "Parlor-mahogany" in his rent-book.

"And," went on his striped tenant, "the front stairs are painted. I want 'em waxed."

"Stairs—waxed," wrote the fairy.

"And the house faces north. Turn it south," went on Snoopy.

"House—south," wrote the other.

"And the woods keep out my view. Move 'em ten feet to the left," commanded Snoopy.

"Woods moved," scribbled Tingaling pretty crooked, the corners of his mouth down at last. "Is that all?" he inquired timidly.

"All!" exclaimed Snoopy. "I haven't begun."

CHURCH SERVICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADLINE. St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, Christmas Day, 1920—HOLY COMMUNION (6:45 and 7:45 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.); Responses, Ferial, Venite, Macfarren (23rd); Psalm 19 (Monks), 85 (Turtle). Te Deum, Oakley in F; Benedictus, Hawker (1th even); Anthem, "Arise, shine, Elvay"; Hymns 60, 59, 62; Holy Communion (12 noon).

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 26th December, 1920, 1st Sunday after Christmas—HOLY COMMUNION (7:50 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.); Responses, Ferial, Macfarren (23rd); Psalm, 2 (Wesley); Te Deum, Woodward, Smart, Turtle; Benedictus, Garrett; Hymns, 63 (T. 230), 59; Litany (12 noon); Evensong (4 p.m.) (Cathedral and Auxiliary Choirs); Responses, Ferial; Psalm, 100 (Ouseley) (verses 1, 5 in union); Magnificat, Goss (5th even); Nunc Dimittis, Hawker (7th even); Anthem, "Arise, shine" Elvay; Carols, 1. "God rest you" v. 3, 4 Trebles, v. 5, 6 Tenors and Basses; 6. "First Nowell" v. 3, 5 Tenors, and Basses; 8. "Good Christian Men"; Interlude, Pastoreale, Wely; Carols, 10. "Good King Wenceslas" (as set); 14. "What Child is this?" 17. "A Child is born" v. 2 Trebles, v. 3, 4; Tenors and Basses; Hymn, 62 (verses 1, 6 unison); Voluntary, Choral Song and Fugue, Wesley.

Wesleyan Church, Wan Chai, (opposite Royal Naval Hospital)—Christmas Day Service at 10:15 a.m. Subject: "Christmas Past and Present." Special Hymns and Carols by the Choir; Sunday Morning 10:15 a.m. Subject: "A visit to Bethlehem; some impressions and lessons" Evening, 6.—"Homeless" Preacher, The Rev. C. Clouston Pori, H.C.F. Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, corner of Arsenal Street; Sunday 3 p.m. P.S.A. and Tea; Speaker Mr. Kirk; 8:15 p.m. Gospel Meeting. Subject: "Other men's shoes" Speaker, the Chaplain.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, MacDonnell Road—Sunday 11:15 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

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Demand, Marks Nom.
4 months, France 9/80
6 months, France 10/00
Demand, Germany Nom.
Demand, New York 54/8
T/T Bombay Nom.
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T/T Calcutta Nom.
Demand, Calcutta —
On Yokohama 110
Demand, Manila 119/4 Nom.
Demand, Singapore 133
On Haiphong Nom.
On Saigon —
On Bangkok 68/4
Sovereign Nom. 6.35
Gold leaf per Tael 45.40
Bar Silver, ready 40/8
forward 41
Bank of England rates 7%
New York/London 134

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cts. pieces 1/10 dis.
10 1/10 dis.
5 1 dis.
Canton subcoins 15.9 dis.
Hongkong Dec. 24, 1920.

THE CHINA SPECIE BANK LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: St. George's Building, Hongkong

Chairman of Board of Directors Mr. Wong Shiu Ham
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Asst. Manager, Mr. K. T. Wong
Hongkong Manager.

Mr. L. P. Allen
Foreign exchange and general banking business transacted.
Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear interest at rates 2%, 4%, and 5% per annum respectively.

L. S. HOLM,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1920.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

TIME TABLE.
WEEK DAYS.

7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every 15 min.
12:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every 15 min.

NIGHT CARS.

12:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.
12:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.
12:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.

SATURDAYS.

12:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.
1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.
1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.

SUNDAYS.

12:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.
1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.
1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.

NIGHT CARS.

12:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.
1:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.

SPECIAL CARS.

12:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. Extra 1/2 mile 15 min.

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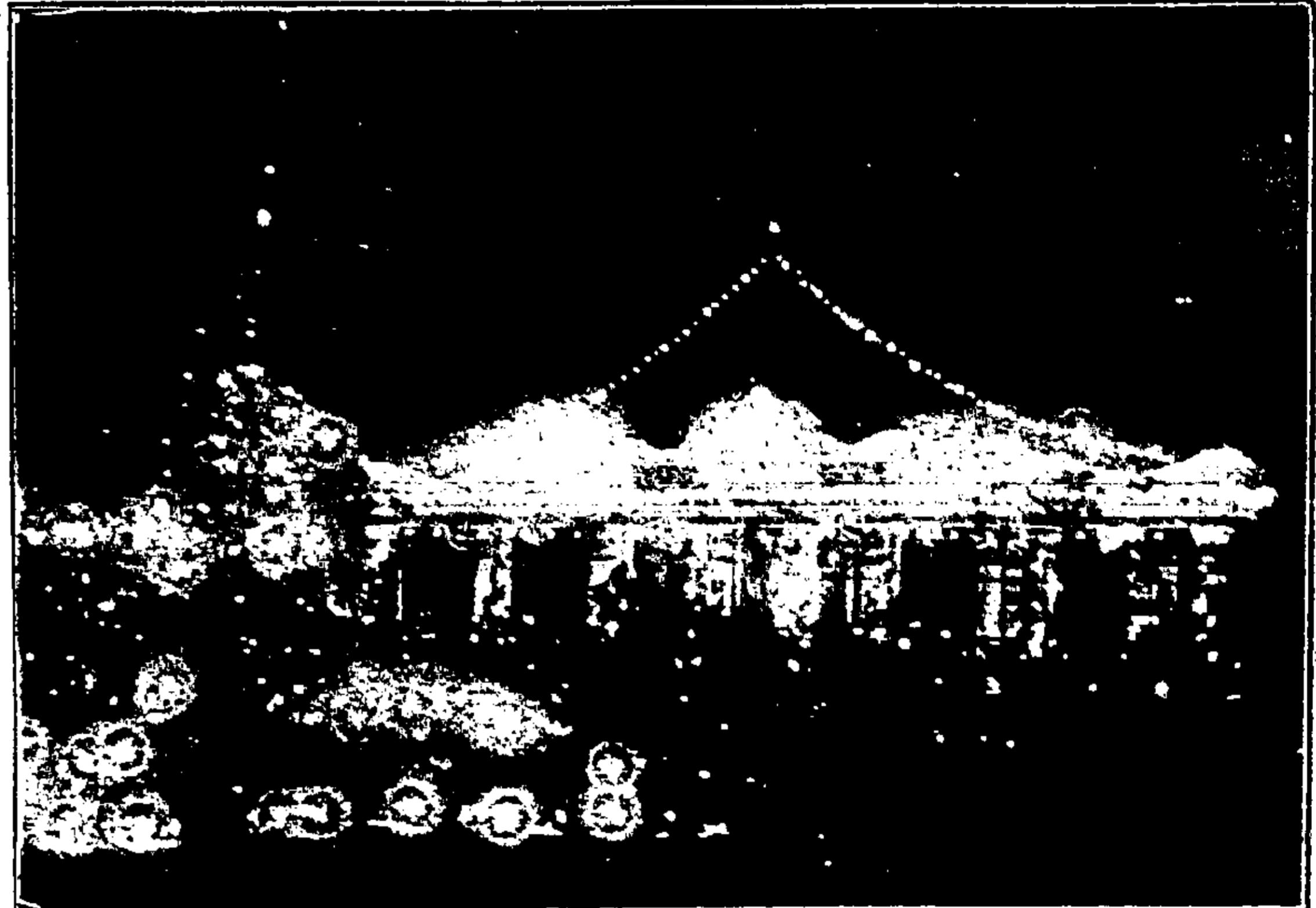
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PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT.



Photo: Lee Cheong.

Photo taken at stone-laying ceremony of the new Lusitano Club, Hongkong, showing Their Excellencies the Governors of Macao and Hongkong.



The illuminations at the Club de Recreio, Kowloon, in honour of the visit of the Governor of Macao.



Photo taken at the Garden Party at the Club de Recreio.



Another scene at the Club de Recreio's Garden Party.



Photo: Lee Cheong.

Group of golfers who took part in the recent match, Scotland v. the Rest, at Fanling.

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INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND & QUEENSLAND PORTS,
RED SEA, EGYPT, EUROPE ETC.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons.	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
SICILIA	7,000	1st Jan.	Miles, London & Antwerp.
DILWARA	5,400	11th Jan.	Spore, Colombo & B'bay.
BREMEN	11,500	10th Jan.	Marsilles & London.
MANCA	6,000	18th Jan.	Spore, Colombo & B'bay.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	7,000	29th Dec.	{ Calcutta via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	22 Dec. noon	{ Melbourne-Sydney, Thursday Island Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
EASTERN	4,000	19th Jan.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

PLASSY	7,400	26 Dec. d'light.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
BANCA	6,000	23rd Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
DILWARA	5,400	23rd Dec.	Shanghai only.
EASTERN	4,000	4th Jan.	Japan direct.

WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.
Parcels, Mail, etc. not more than 24 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the
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N. Y. K.

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SEATTLE & VICTORIA via Manila, Shanghai & Japan ports.
Cargo to Overland Points U.S. in connection with Great Northern
Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways.
KATORI MARU Tuesday, 28th Dec., at 11 a.m.
TAJIMA MARU Thursday, 30th Jan., at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU (Omitting Manila) Wednesday, 26th Jan., at 11 a.m.
LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez
Port Said & Marseilles.
IYO MARU Wednesday, 29th Dec., at 11 a.m.
ATSUTAMARU Friday, 7th Jan., at 11 a.m.
SHIZUOKAMARU Friday, 21st Jan., at 11 a.m.
HAMBURG, LONDON & ROTTERDAM via Suez
TSCURUGAMARU Wednesday, 12th January.
LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.
AWA MARU Tuesday, 28th December.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday
Island, Townsville & Brisbane.
NIKKO MARU Middle of January.
AKI MARU Middle of February.
NEW YORK via Suez.
NAGANO MARU Tuesday, 28th Dec.
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.
BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.
RANGOON MARU Tuesday, 11th January.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 26th January.
CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.
YEBOSHI MARU Thursday, 30th December.
TAKADA MARU Thursday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.
AKI MARU Saturday, 22nd Jan., at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA
KAGA MARU Saturday, 25th Dec., at 3 p.m.
KOJO MARU (Omitting Yokohama) Sun., 2nd Jan.
SANUKI MARU Monday, 3rd January.
YOKOHAMA MARU Friday, 7th Jan., at 11 a.m.
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Telephone Nos. 292 & 293. S. YASUDA, Manager.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN



Java-China-Japan Lijn
Jointly operating Service between
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	To	Arrived	Left
Halyard	Java	In port	24th Dec.	Java.
Tjibodas	Java	In port	24th Dec.	Shanghai.
Tilleboet	Japan	25th Dec.	29th Dec.	Java.
Tjilatap	J. ya	In port	31st Dec.	Japan.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passenger. All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken in through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia.

ALSO OPERATING
JAVA PACIFIC LIJN.
NEXT SAILING.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Coronado	Java	In port	24th Dec.	S. & F. F. C. S.

Through Bills of Lading issued to U.S.A. and Canadian Overland Points.

For Freight and Passage apply to the

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Regular Sailings to
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S.S. "BOLTON CASTLE"

About end of January.

LLOYD TRIESTINO.

FOR SHANGHAI.

S.S. "PILSNA" Sailing on or about 7th January.

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Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading for Levant, Black Sea and Danube Ports via—**SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.**

S.S. "NIPPON" Sailing on or about 16th January.

S.S. "PILSNA" Sailing on or about 6th February.

Passenger's Luggage can be insured at the office of the Agent.

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Regular services between

JAPAN, HONGKONG & JAVA.

For JAVA, S.S. "SAMARANG M." Sailing on or about 23rd Dec.

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ORIENTAL LINE.**

HONGKONG TO PHILLIPINES & AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
SAILING (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamer.	Arrived Hongkong	Leaves Hongkong
TAIYUAN	from Australia	for Australia

27th Dec. 2nd January.

This steamer is fitted with Refrigerating machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of ice, fresh provisions etc., and has superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares. Cargo booked through to all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian ports.

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ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

JAPAN, CHINA & STRAITS

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For Steamer Sailing

LONDON, ROTTERDAM and ESBJERG (Denmark) "CITY OF FLORENCE," 7th Feb.

For particulars of sailings whoopee are requested to approach the undersigned.

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(Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

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NOTICES.

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WHEN A CIGARETTE TASTES SWEETEST

After you've played a bully round—and think you'll stop and look a bit—and listen too—near the first tee perhaps—then a cigarette tastes the sweetest—and

YOU NATURALLY SMOKE

"THREE CASTLES."

There is no sweeter tobacco comes from Virginia and no better Brand than the "THREE CASTLES."

This advertisement is issued by British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.

YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED
TO
OUR LATEST NOVELTY
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OUR LARGE ASSORTMENT
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WOOLLEN WEAR.
THE SINCERE COMPANY, LIMITED.

POST OFFICE.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday, the 25th and Monday the 27th December from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only. There will be one collection and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sunday and one delivery of Registered Correspondence at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays. The District Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. with the exception of Kowloon Office, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Sheungwan Office which will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be one delivery from District Offices at noon.

Telegraphic communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

Europe via Suez (Newspapers only, London 18th Nov.)

Per PLASSY, 25th Dec.

Strait and Calcutta—Per KOTSU M., 25th Dec.

Europe via Suez (Letters only London 23rd Nov.)—Per KAGA M., 25th Dec.

Saigon—Per METHTEN, 25th Dec.

Europe via Suez (Newspapers only, London 25th Nov.)—Per LAISANG, 28th Dec.

Japan and Shanghai—Per IYO M., 28th Dec.

Japan—Per NAGANO M., 28th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To-morrow.

Swatow, *Shanghai & *N. China—Per KWONG SANG, 9 a.m.

Hoihow & Haiphong—Per YEE YING WA, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan—Per KAGA M., 9 a.m.

Saigon—Per SUI SANG, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per PLASSY, 9 a.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per CHEN N., 9 a.m.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

From Hongay there arrived this morning the s.s. KWONG-SEE with 2,383 tons of Coal.

The KUMSANG came in this morning from Calcutta with 1,040 tons of general merchandise for Hongkong. She carried 647 deck passengers.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The Blue Funnel liner HECTOR arrived yesterday noon from Liverpool with 1,973 tons of general merchandise. She brought no mails.—Mooring Holt's Wharf.

Coal was consigned here this morning by the ss. SHINSEI MARU (1,875 tons) from Nagasaki, the M.B.K.'s NICHIRIN MARU (2,431 tons) from Keelung.

Sunday, 26th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 9 a.m.

Monday, 27th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per PLASSY, 9 a.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per CHEN N., 9 a.m.

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Unexcelled cuisine, with French chef. Banquets a specialty. Wines of the best districts of France.

Large playground for children in the park of the hotel, which is the healthiest location in the city.

THOS. COOK & SON, Headquarters, in the building.
Motor bus meets all trains.

L. M. MAILLE,
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ENTERTAINMENT.

THE CORONET

TO-NIGHT at 2.30, 5, 7.15 & 9.15.

HAROLD LLOYD

" HAUNTED SPOOKS"
TOM MOORE & MAE MARSH
in
THE CINDERELLA MAN
CORONET REVIEW.

HONGKONG THEATRE

TO-NIGHT at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

VIVIAN MARTIN

"THE FAIR BARBARIAN"

FIVE PARTS.

NOTICE.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

Banks.

H.K. & S. Bank b. 770
East Asia b. 133

Marine Insurances.

Cantons b. 370
North China b. 153

Unions b. 310

Yangtze b. 23
Far Easterns b. 20

Fire Insurances.

China Fires b. 125
H.K. Fires b. 316

Shipping.

Douglas b. 63
H.K. Steamboat b. 24/24/24

Indo (Prel.)

Indo Def. Lon/Reg. a. 22
Indo Def. H.K. Reg. n. 190

Shells n. 117/6

Ferries b. 24/24

Refineries.

Sugars b. 210
Malabons b. 50

Mining.

Kailans b. 100/-

Langkats b. 134

Shanghai Loans b. 134

Shai Explorations.

Raubs n. 2

Troncos b. 25/25

Urals Caspian a. 19/19

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

H.K. Wharves b. 914/16

K. Docks b. 160

Shai Docks b. 121

N. Engineers n. 23/24

Lands, Hotels & Buildings.

Centrals n. 120

H.K. Hotels b. 151

H.K. Lands b. 127

H.K. Parks b. 8/4

K. Land b. 42

L. Reclaimations n. 140

West Points b. 55

Cotton Mills.

Ewos n. 366

Kung Yik n. 40

Lau Kung Mows n. 164

Orientals n. 164

Shai Cotton n. 110

Yangtzeapoos n. 125

Miscellaneous.

Cements b. 914

Do. Light old b. 780

China Light new b. 636

China Providents b. 720

Dairy Farms b. 22

Electrics H.K. b. 18/14

Hongkong Ropes b. 22/22

H.K. Tramways b. 7/7

Peak Trams old b. 7/7

Do. new b. 75/75

Steam Laundries b. 4/4

Steel Foundries b. 10

Waterboats b. 16

Watsons b. 7/7

Wm. Powells b. 18

Wisemann b. 31

Hongkong Dec. 24, 1920

SOL. R. AGENT,
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, LTD.,
HONGKONG.

TIDE TABLE.

20th to 26th Dec. 1920.

Day	High Water Hongkong Time	Low Water Hongkong Time	Day	High Water Hongkong Time	Low Water Hongkong Time
Mon. 20	5.57 a. 5.1	1.16 p. 3.36	Mon. 20	5.57 a. 5.1	1.16 p. 3.36
Tues. 21	5.15 a. 4.8	1.0 12 5.4	Tues. 21	5.15 a. 4.8	1.0 12 5.4
Wed. 22	5.44 a. 4.7	1.12 5.1	Wed. 22	5.44 a. 4.7	1.12 5.1
Thurs. 23	5.34 a. 4.7	1.12 5.1	Thurs. 23	5.34 a. 4.7	1.12 5.1
Fri. 24	5.52 a. 4.7	1.0 0 1.8	Fri. 24	5.5	